

30th Annual National Night Out

The Benbrook Police and Fire Departments, along with the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA, are giving crime and drugs a going-away party on **Tuesday, October 1, 2013, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the 30th Annual NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Against Crime and Drugs event.** Everyone is invited to join in the fun and learn more about community efforts to curb crime and keep our neighborhoods safe.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know that the neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Police Chief James Mills notes that community partnership is the key to keeping crime rates low in Benbrook, "We are very fortunate to have the support and participation of our residents and business owners. By partnering with the community, Benbrook sends the message that we stand together against crime."

Benbrook's NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2013 is a **FREE** event that takes place at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA, 1899 Winscott Road, and includes food, fun, and activities for the entire family.

For more information, or to reserve a booth/ table for the event, contact Benbrook's Crime Prevention Officer Sandy Eubanks at 817-249-6077.

Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection is September 14

The fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event in Benbrook is scheduled for **Saturday, September 14, 2013, at the Dutch Branch Park Complex, off Winscott Road, in the rear parking lot behind Par 3 Golf (follow signs) from 9am-11am (or until the collection trailer is full).** Please bring proof of Benbrook residency.

ACCEPTABLE items for HHW disposal: acids, aerosol cans, antifreeze, all batteries, brake fluid, craft and hobby materials, degreasers, drain cleaners, fertilizer, fluorescent lights, herbicides, household chemicals, motor oil, oil filters, paint/stains, paint thinners, pest strips, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, photo chemicals, solvents, transmission fluid, and varnishes.

The following items CANNOT be accepted: ammunition, explosives, medical waste, radioactive material (smoke detectors), waste generated by businesses, tires, propane, and butane cylinders.

Cyclone Recycling will also be on-site to collect electronic waste (E-waste) such as computers, monitors, CPU's, scanners, printers, printer cartridges, fax machines, phones, cell phones, lawnmowers, and small household appliances such as microwaves. No televisions, please. **For more information, contact City Hall at 817-249-3000.**

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COMMUNITY INVITED TO A FREE PREMIERE SCREENING OF “Once Upon a Time in Benbrook”

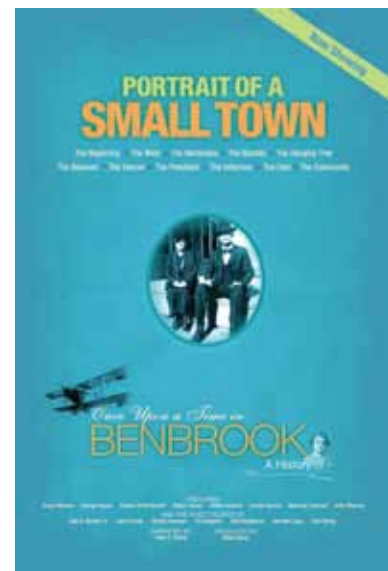
The Benbrook Historical Society (BHS), in partnership with the Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC), the Benbrook Public Library, and the City of Benbrook, is hosting a community screening of “Once Upon a Time in Benbrook”, a fast-paced and highly entertaining broadcast quality documentary video.

Presented as a series of stories about the people and incidents that have intersected with, or originated in Benbrook, Texas, the 45-minute video depicts historical occurrences in relation to national and international events, as well as local accounts of a more personal and heartfelt nature.

From stagecoach bandits, to a famous pilot/dancer, to the vast ranch land of a President's son, Benbrook is steeped in rich and entertaining history. “We want to offer this screening to our community as a way to continue the legacy of sharing history”, says BHS President Jess Jordan, “We encourage community members to join us for an evening of education and entertainment.”

The video is produced as a companion to the recently published ‘Images of America: Benbrook’, an Arcadia Publishing book depicting Benbrook history in picture form. Both the video and book will be made available for purchase at the event. Membership information will also be available for those interested in learning more about the Benbrook Historical Society.

The public is invited to enjoy this **FREE screening on Monday, August 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Benbrook Public Library**, 1065 Mercedes in Benbrook. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, or for special accommodations, please contact Lynette Spence, BACC, at 817-249-4451.



Plan Ahead, Protect Your Home and Possessions

During a flash flood - the kind of flooding that is most likely to occur in Benbrook - there is usually more damage to furniture and other contents inside the home than there is to the house's actual structure.

Having proper content coverage along with your flood insurance policy is invaluable. Also, consider these helpful tips to protect your assets:

- Make copies of your most important documents (mortgage papers, deed, car title, bank information, etc.) to keep at home and store originals in a safe place outside the home, such as a bank safe deposit box.
- Take photos of your most valuable possessions (furniture, electronics, musical instruments, etc.) and store these with your important documents.
- Save receipts for any expensive household items (such as appliances and electronics) so that you have

proof of original cost.

- Draft an itemized inventory of other possessions, such as books, small kitchen appliances, clothing, collectibles, etc. and their approximate costs. The list need not be exhaustive, but the more comprehensive, the better.
- Review your respective insurance policies on an annual basis to ensure you still have the proper level of protection.

Monitor potential weather hazards on NOAA Weather radio or by checking out www.noaa.gov. Also, to sign up for the City of Benbrook CodeRed Weather Warning system, go to the City's website (www.benbrook-tx.gov) and click the “I WANT TO” button.

Pedestrians & Cyclists

A GUIDE TO SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE

Play in Benbrook!

Benbrook offers endless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. From easy-to-access roadways and superb hike and bike trails, to over a thousand acres of lush parkland, Benbrook is the place to play!

For enjoyment, exercise, or to commute, Benbrook offers opportunities to walk, jog, or bike along our roadways or along several miles of scenic hike and bike trails.

For the safety and enjoyment of everyone, the Benbrook Police Department encourages pedestrians and cyclists to adhere to the laws and etiquette of the road.

On the Road... play safe!

Cyclists have the same responsibility to obey traffic laws as all motorists. For cyclists, this means: stopping at stop signs and traffic lights, obeying yield signs, and using arm signals when turning. Cyclists riding at night must have a front-facing headlight and a red reflector on the rear of the bike. Reflective clothing should be worn.... Remember - you want to be seen!

State law allows cyclists to ride two abreast on public roadways. All cyclists are encouraged to wear a helmet. Riders age 16 and younger are required, by City ordinance, to wear a helmet at all times. Pedestrians walking roadways must walk facing traffic. However, cyclists must ride in the same direction as motorists. Pedestrians and cyclists must obey crosswalk signals.

While it is legal to walk, jog, or park a vehicle in the bike lane, we encourage caution and courtesy, as this could create congestion in the lane.

Hike and Bike Trails...play nice!

All users of the Hike and Bike trails are responsible for learning and adhering to the safety and etiquette 'rules of the road.' STAY RIGHT. All trail users, including walkers, joggers, cyclists, etc. should stay on the RIGHT SIDE of the trail, except when passing.

When passing someone along the trail, say out loud "passing on your left." And be cautious - they may be hard-of-hearing or wearing earphones. BE AWARE. Walkers/joggers who like to stroll with their pets should keep them on a short leash. Remember - some dogs have a tendency to dart in front of cyclists - watch carefully!

If you use earphones while on the trail, consider using in only one ear, making it easier to hear others behind you.

For the safety and enjoyment of all, be courteous and friendly on the trail!





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Thursday of each month
at 7:30pm at City Hall
911 Winscott Road.

For more information call
817-249-3000 or visit
www.benbrook-tx.gov

Community News/Announcements

- **The Benbrook Community Center/YMCA offers fitness and fun for the entire family!** If you sign up for a program in August, the membership joining fee is waived. Also, if you join the YMCA in September, you 'pay the day' for the joining fee....meaning if you join on September 1, the joining fee is \$1....join on September 2 and the fee is \$2...and so on. The BCC/YMCA offers fall youth soccer and volleyball, with registration deadlines fast approaching. Call today! BCC/YMCA, 1899 Winscott Road, 817-249-0500.
 - The City of Benbrook will host the **7th Annual Heritage Fest event on Saturday, October 19**. Don't miss this free-admission day of western heritage, festival food, and fun!
 - It's difficult to think about the holidays in these summer months, but Beth Crumpton wants everyone to keep in mind that December is just around the corner and the **27th Annual Spirit of Christmas program** is counting on you! Learn more about the program and how you can 'adopt' a child, providing much-needed Christmas gifts, by checking out the new website, available mid-August, www.benbrookspiritofchristmas.org. **For information, contact Beth McKnight-Crumpton at (817) 825-5243 or beth.crumpton@edwardjones.com.**
 - **Benbrook Economic Development Corporation** president, Kent Williams, was recently presented with a 'Certificate of Achievement for Economic Excellence for 2012' by the Texas Economic Development Council. The award recognizes exemplary professional standards and commitment to economic development by staff, city administration, and elected and appointed officials. Making the presentation was Mr. Pat Jamison, a member of the board of the TEDC.
 - **2013 Benbrook Trash Bash**
Saturday, September 21, 2013
Meet at Dutch Branch Park, Pavilion #4 (Behind the BCC/YMCA) at 8:30 a.m.
 - Free Hot Dog Lunch
 - T-shirts
 - Fun Giveaways
 - Door Prizes
- Benbrook Trash Bash is an annual clean-up event in which volunteers join together to pick up litter and debris from Benbrook Lake and park areas. Trash bags and gloves are provided. To register, call 817-249-6008.